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For: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SYSTEM, ELECTRONIC COMMERCE METHOD  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action issued on May 27, 2004 (hereafter "the Office Action") for the above-referenced case. As this paper is being submitted with the three-month period for response set forth in the Office Action, no additional fees are believed to be necessary. However, in the event that a Petition of Time and a fee are requirement to render this paper timely, such Petition is hereby made, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4730 for any fees that may be required for the entry of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.